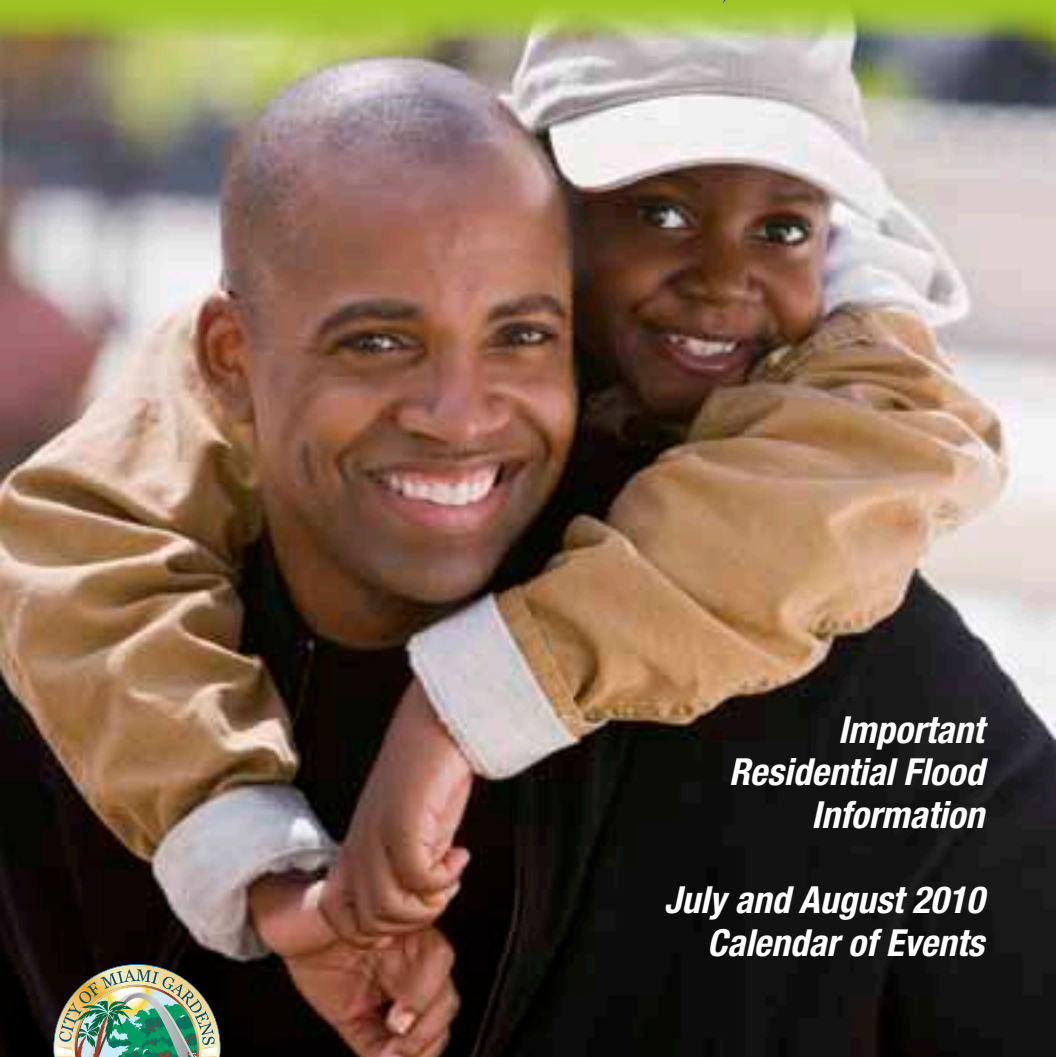


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305-430-2220

Andover Park

NW 209th and NW 1st Avenue
Bennett M. Lifter Park
20701 NW 22nd Avenue
305-624-6712

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20701 NW 22nd Avenue
305-624-6712

Brentwood Park

19405 NW 32nd Avenue
305-622-2550

Buccaneer Park

3100 NW 207th Street
305-624-3787

Bunche Park

15600 Bunche Park Drive West
305-621-6101

Cloverleaf Park

303 NW 191st Street
305-652-1732

Miami Carol City Park

18500 NW 32 Avenue
305-624-5394

Myrtle Grove Park

3030 NW 179th Street
305-624-7421

Norwood Park

19401 NW 14th Avenue
305-653-3951

Rolling Oaks Park

18701 NW 17th Avenue
305-621-5932

Scott Park

17710 NW 15th Court
305-430-8011

Vista Verde Park

21001 NW 39th Avenue
305-625-8067

pools

Brentwood Pool

(Summer only)
18800 NW 28th Place
305-621-4720

Bunche Pool

(Closed For Construction)
15727 Bunche Park Drive East
305-624-5963

Myrtle Grove Pool

(Summer only)
3030 NW 179th Street
305-624-6161

Norwood Pool

(Closed For Construction)
19401 NW 14th Avenue
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aquatics

JES Swimming Lessons and Fitness Program

Please note that the ages are a guideline and children will be put in levels based on their skill level.



Preschool + Parent Swimming Level [3 – 5 years old]

This class is designed for Preschool age children and their parents. Children will work on the basic fundamentals of swimming such as blowing bubbles, front and back floats, kicking, arm movements, and basic pool safety.

Beginner Swimming Level [5 – 7 years old]

This class is for the beginner swimmer and requires no prior experience. Skills taught in this level include front and back floats, front and back glides, elementary backstroke, front crawl, backstroke, and pool safety. Some of the requirements to pass this level are that the student must swim 25 yards of front crawl, backstroke, and elementary backstroke.

Advanced Beginner Swimming Level [6 – 8 years old]

This class is designed for children who have successfully completed the Beginner level. This level will build on the fundamental skills learned in the Beginner class. Some of the skills that will be worked on are rhythmic breathing with the front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke, and an introduction to the sidestroke. Some of the requirements to complete this level are the student must swim 25 yards front crawl with rhythmic breathing and breaststroke and 50 yards of elementary backstroke and backstroke.

Intermediate Swimming Level [7 – 9 years old]

This class is for children who have completed the Advanced Beginner level. In this level children will continue to work towards mastering the front crawl, breaststroke, sidestroke, and backstroke while being introduced to the butterfly and treading water. In order to complete this level the student must swim 50 yards of front crawl with rhythmic breathing, breaststroke, and sidestroke, 75 yards of elementary backstroke and backstroke, and 25 yards of butterfly.

Advanced Swimming Level [8 – 10 years old]

This class is for the advanced swimmer who has completed the Intermediate level. Students will continue to work on technique and endurance for front crawl, breaststroke, sidestroke, butterfly, backstroke, and elementary backstroke. To complete this level the student must swim 100 yards of front crawl with rhythmic breathing, backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke, elementary backstroke, and 50 yards of butterfly.

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Swimming Lessons Schedule

Monday - Thursday (Friday is make up day only)

Pool	Times
Myrtle Grove	9am, 10am, 11am
Brentwood	9am, 10am, 11am, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm

Session	Dates
Session 3	July 5–July 15
Session 4	July 19–July 29
Session 5	August 2–August 12



Water Fitness Program

Allow participants to feel and experience the benefits of the aquatic environment without the impact or stress on your joints. This workout allows you to use flexibility, cardio and resistance training all in one workout, while focusing on improving health, burning calories and toning. Water fitness class is for ages 13 years and up.

Payment Information *(for Swim Lessons and Water Fitness Program)*

Option 1: \$30.00 per package (package includes 10 classes)

Option 2: \$5.00 per class

Payment type: \$30.00 packages must be paid with money order (made payable to *City of Miami Gardens*). Daily fee of \$5.00 can be paid by cash. No checks or credit cards accepted.

- Fees are due prior to start time of class. If fee is not paid, participant will not be allowed to attend the class
- Registration form must be filled out prior to start time of class for all participants participating in the water fitness class.
- First class is free. (If participant pays for a package (\$30.00 for 10 classes), they will receive one additional class free of charge).
- Ask instructor about the referral program and earn free classes!

aquatics

Aquatic Facilities

Brentwood Pool
18800 NW 28th Place
305-621-4720

Myrtle Grove Pool
3030 NW 179th Street
305-624-6161

Contact Information

Matt Williams, Operations Manager (305) 467-2990

Public Swim

The Brentwood and Myrtle Grove Aquatic Facilities are open for public swimming daily from 1:00-4:45 p.m. The fee for public swim is \$1 per person.

Aquatic Facility Rentals

The Brentwood and Myrtle Grove Aquatic Facilities are available for private rentals on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Rentals are on a first come, first serve basis. All fees must be paid at the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative office at least ten (10) business days prior to rental.

Aquatic Facility	Rental Fee / 2 hours		Deposit
	1-50 people	50-100 people	
Brentwood	\$64	\$1 per person	\$50
Myrtle Grove	\$64	\$1 per person	\$50



health and wellness

Recreation and Wellness Expo

Come out to our Recreation and Wellness Expo to elevate awareness in the community to Parks and Recreation by providing health awareness, sporting activities, live entertainment, vendors, special guests and more. We will also showcase the new 56,000 square foot community center.

Date	Time	Location	Fee
July 24	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex	Free

Step in the Name of Life

Come out and Step away high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol and more. Steppers class provides a fun FREE way to learn the most current Step Dances.

Days of the Week	Time	Location
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	6-7:30 p.m.	A. J. King Park

Line Dancing

Come out, kick up your heels, get in shape, and learn the hottest new line dances. There is no cover charge! Please come 15 minutes early to register.

Days of Week	Time	Location
Monday, Tuesday	6-7:30 p.m.	Buccaneer Park
Tuesday, Thursday	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Bennett M. Lifter Park
Wednesday	6:30-8 p.m.	Rolling Oaks Park
Saturday	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Buccaneer Park

Walking Club

Get fit in this program designed to promote health and camaraderie among our residents. There is no fee, just your time and effort needed. Upon registration participants will receive pedometers to track and log progress. Incentives will be given for goal completion. The times of walking will be beginning at 7 a.m. for the City of Miami Gardens A.M. Walkers and at 6 p.m. for the City of Miami Gardens P.M. Walkers daily. If you are unable to walk with the A.M. or P.M. Walkers feel free to walk when your schedule permits. Register at the Parks and Recreation administrative office.

For more information, please contact Rashod Smith at 305-807-8656 or email rsmith@miamigardens-fl.gov

athletics – youth

Instructional Tennis

See your children serve it up in this program designed to teach participants the fundamentals of tennis, such as the main strokes, scoring system and the thrill of competition.

Location: Buccaneer Park

Days	Time	Fee
Saturdays	9–10 a.m. (5 years old to 8 years old) 10:15–11:15 a.m. (9 years old to 12 years old)	\$10/month



City of Miami Gardens Youth Sports (CMGYS)

Football

Have your child learn the fundamentals of youth football. This is a full contact, highly competitive youth tackle football program. Serving ages 5 to 15 years old. The season consists of ten games played in the Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. Also your child will learn to follow the steps as a student athlete through our academic guidelines. All participants must maintain a 2.0 GPA and 2.5 in conduct to participate in games. Registration fee includes helmet, shoulder pads, 7-piece pads, game and practice uniform. Practice times are 6pm to 8pm Monday-Friday. Games are on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.

Cheerleading

Have your child learn the true spirit of youth cheerleading. This a competitive youth cheerleading program. Serving ages 5 to 15 yrs old. The cheerleading season consists of cheering in ten youth football games with an annual cheerleading competition amongst the parks in the league. Your child will learn to follow the steps as a student athlete through our academic guidelines. All participants must maintain a 2.0 GPA and 2.5 in conduct to participate in games and in cheer competition. Registration fee includes game, and practice uniform. Practice times are 6pm to 8pm Monday-Friday. Games are on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.

Locations

Parks & Recreation Administrative Building. (*Cash, Debit, Credit Card, Money Order*)

Only Money Orders accepted at the following locations:

Brentwood Park
Bunche Park
Miami Carol City Park
Scott Park
Norwood Park

Registration Fee: \$75

Roster Information: Football 40 members per team; Cheerleading 35 members per team

First Day of Practice: June 28th

Season: August 21st - November 21st

athletics – adults

Miami Gardens Ballers

Are you looking for an organized adult basketball league as an alternative to pick-up games? We provide the solution, a co-ed adult basketball league. The league will be split into two divisions: the Slam Dunk Division (ages 18-29), and the Swoosh Division (ages 30 and up). The fee is only \$30 per player with a maximum of 8 players per team. The season will begin when our brand new community center opens. The team that wins the championship game receives one team trophy and a 50% discount on the entry fee for the next league season.



Adult Tennis

This is a great instructional activity for adults who want to learn the fundamentals of tennis, get in shape, and socialize at the same time.

Days	Time	Location	Fee
Mondays and Thursdays	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Buccaneer Park	\$20/month

For more information on any athletic programs, please call Rashod Smith at 305-622-8000 ext. 2523 or email rsmith@miamigardens-fl.gov.

senior happenings



Computer Certification Program for Seniors

The digital divide seems to be growing at a rapid rate. Our children will never know what it is like to turn the knob on a television and many will not experience the joy of hand writing a letter, placing a stamp on it and putting in the mail. On the other hand, many of our seniors are not aware of how to set up an email account, take advantage of discounts offered by vendors when they make purchases on-line, or print coupons from websites. This divide prompted the City's Information Technology and Parks and Recreation Departments to spring into action. The departments provided a six week computer literacy program at Rolling Oaks Park geared towards seniors. The program's goals were to teach seniors the names of all equipment, Windows navigational skills, how to surf the internet, open and compose emails, utilize Microsoft Word applications and the general ease of utilizing a computer. We are proud to announce that on June 14th, nine seniors graduated from the City's first computer literacy program. We look forward to many more programs aimed at minimizing the digital divide!

senior happenings



Senior Day 2010

The Parks & Recreation Department hosted a Senior Day which took place at Miami Carol City Park on May 18 from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. for all Senior Club members. There were over an estimated 140 seniors in attendance that enjoyed food, music, poems, step dancing, skits, words of encouragement and give-a-ways during the event.

Special guests also came out and showed support in providing information for the seniors in our program. Participating guests were Summit Health Care, Cloverleaf Chiropractic, Trashco, ADT & Family and Child Care Enrichment.

This years Senior Day was a success as everyone enjoyed the beautiful day and all of the planned activities and we plan to do it bigger and better next year!

youth programs

Shining Stars After-School Program

Sign your child up for the latest after-school craze for children ages 5-12. The program offers certified teachers who will assist your child with their homework and tutoring; chess instructors that will stimulate your child's critical thinking skills; tennis instructors to develop your child's motor skills and fitness; and cultural programming to expose your child to the rest of the world.

Park Locations: A.J. King, Buccaneer, Bunche, Miami Carol City, Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex, Norwood, Rolling Oaks and Scott Parks

Days: Monday-Friday

Time: 2-6 p.m.

Fee: \$20/week + \$10 non-refundable registration fee

Transportation is available from the following public schools for \$5 per week:

Bunche Park	Golden Glades Elementary Rainbow Park Elementary Bunche Park Elementary North Dade Middle
Miami Carol City Park	Barbara Hawkins Elementary Charles D. Wyche Elementary Miami Gardens Elementary Myrtle Grove Elementary
Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex	Brentwood Elementary
Norwood Park	Norwood Elementary Parkway Elementary Hibiscus Elementary Norland Elementary
Rolling Oaks Park	Crestview Elementary
Scott Park	Scott Lake Elementary Parkview Elementary

Registration begins July 19 and are accepted only at the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Spots are limited. Must provide a birth certificate at time of registration

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youth programs

Kids' Day Off

All kids age 5 thru 12 are invited to attend the Kids' Day Off Programs. The programs are held at various parks during teacher work days and when public school is in recess. Your child will participate in fun indoor games, active outdoor sports, and have great adventures with arts & crafts, field trips, cultural experiences, and special guests. You may register at any recreation center, but please remember spaces are limited so register early.

Registration begins: August 23

Event Date: September 9

Event Time: 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Fee: Free if enrolled in the Shining Stars After-School Program, \$10 otherwise

Locations:

Bunche Park
Miami Carol City Park
Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex
Norwood Park
Rolling Oaks Park
Scott Park



teen programs

Expanding Horizons

The Expanding Horizons program is an educational and social After-School program for teens between the ages of 13 and 17. This program exposes its participants to various career fields and college majors. The program also provides a weekly life skills component. Teens will participate in field trips, interact with special guests, and engage in hands-on community service activities.

Location: Scott Park

Days: Monday-Friday

Time: 3-6 p.m.

Fee: \$10 per month + a \$10 non-refundable registration fee.

Transportation is provided from:

Lake Stevens Middle School

Carol City Middle School

Carol City High School (Pick-Up from Carol City Middle School)

Gospel Tabernacle School

Norland Middle School

Norland High School

Parkway Middle School

North Dade Middle School

Registration: Begins July 19th and is accepted only at the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Spots are limited. Must provide a birth certificate at time of registration



Teens' Night Out

Teens are invited to come out select Friday nights during the coming months to hang out, socialize, watch movies and compete in Wii tournaments. The night will be free to teens between the ages of 13 and 17. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

Date: July 16

Location: Scott Park

Time: 6-9 pm

Fee: Free

parks & recreation info

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meet every third Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation conference room. Dates are subject to change. Please call the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office for more information.

Cancelled class disclaimer

Staff will make every effort to contact participants. However, classes are subject to change without notice.

Park Reminders

- All City of Miami Gardens parks are open from sunrise to sunset, unless permitted in advance by administration.
- Please help us by keeping the park clean.
- Pets, ATVs, motorcycles and alcohol are not permitted on park grounds.
- Grilling in non-designated areas is prohibited.

Payment Procedures

Please be advised that recreation centers will only accept credit cards (MasterCard and Visa) or money orders. Payments can be made via cash, credit card (MasterCard and Visa), personal checks, and money orders at the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office.

E-Connect

Want to stay “in the know” and get updated with important information, news, and events happening in and around the City? Subscribe to the City of Miami Gardens e-Connect” electronic newsletter and get the latest information delivered monthly right to your email! Go to www.miamigardens-fl.gov and on the homepage, directly under “latest news and events, click” on the sign-in link for the City’s online newsletter...your source for community information!

Volunteer Opportunities

Bored of sitting around the house, would like to have days to look forward to? Maybe you simply need to be busy while learning and sharing. Become a member of the City of Miami Gardens “Volunteers” and participate in events such as:

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| ■ Dr. Martin Luther King’s Day | ■ Hurricane Expo | ■ Sports Development |
| ■ Jazz in the Gardens | ■ State of the City Address | ■ City Office and Programs |
| ■ Annual Health Fair & Resource Events | ■ Memorial Day | |
| | ■ Festival of Carols | |

**VOLUNTEERS
WANTED**

If you are interested please contact: Lillie Q. Odom,
Community Outreach Specialist (305) 622-8000 ext. 2313

a sense of **community**

What transforms a crowd into a community?

A chance for people to connect. Parks provide that chance. Florida's parks are where lifetime friendships are formed; where the gap between generations is bridged; where people discover what they have in common. How do you grow a hometown with a sense of community? It starts in parks.



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facility rentals

Recreation centers and pavilions are available to rent for your special occasion. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance in person at the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative office.

All rentals are for four hours plus one hour of set-up and one hour of clean-up. The rental price depends on the number of attendees. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis and require full payment. All permits must be granted ten (10) business days prior to rental date in order to reserve the facility.



Facility Rental Fees

PARK	FACILITY	DJ	Rental Fee (by # of people) Inside (to capacity) Outside (1-75)	Rental Fee (by # of people) Outside 76 -149	Clean-Up Fee
A. J. King	Outside	N	\$69	\$91	\$60
	Inside	Y	\$107	\$149	\$60
Andover	Outside	N	\$69	\$91	\$60
Brentwood	Pavilion	Y	\$80	\$101	\$60
	Inside (Capacity 50)	Y	\$91	N/A	\$60
Bennett M. Lifter	Pavilion	N	\$80	\$101	\$60
	Inside	Y	\$69	N/A	\$60
Buccaneer	Outside	N	\$69	\$91	\$60
	Inside (Capacity 75)	Y	\$101	N/A	\$60
Bunche	Outside	Y	\$69	\$91	\$60
	Inside	Y	\$69	N/A	\$60
Cloverleaf	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Miami Carol City	Pavilion	Y	\$80	\$101	\$60
	Inside (Capacity 50)	Y	\$69	N/A	\$60
Myrtle Grove	Outside	Y	\$69	\$91	\$60
	Inside (Capacity 30)	Y	\$69	N/A	\$60
Norwood	Outside	Y	\$69	\$91	\$60
	Inside (Capacity 30)	Y	\$69	N/A	\$60
Rolling Oaks	Pavilion	N	\$80	\$101	\$60
	Inside (Capacity 50)	N	\$91	N/A	\$60
	Field	N	\$91	\$107	\$60
Scott Park	Outside	N	\$69	\$91	\$60
	Inside (Capacity 50)	Y	\$101	N/A	\$60
Vista Verde	Outside	N	\$80	\$101	\$60
Rental Rates for over 149 Patrons			150-249	\$145 Rental	\$75 Cleanup
			250-499	\$290 Rental	\$100 Cleanup
			500-999	\$430 Rental	\$200 Cleanup
			1000+	\$655 Rental	\$400 Cleanup

litter program

Keeping Miami Gardens Beautiful

Hello City of Miami Gardens,

The Public Works Department is pleased to introduce “Leo the Litterbug.” Leo was created exclusively to promote the City of Miami Gardens’ Anti-Litter message. Leo’s image will be used in our City’s very popular classroom programs and soon will be seen throughout the city. The Swat-A-Litterbug Program is an educational effort administered by the City of Miami Gardens’ Keep Miami Gardens Beautiful Program. The program began on October 12, 2005. To date over 400 litterbugs have been swatted and have been sent a letter signed by our Mayor and City Manager, a litter bag for their car, and information on the harm of littering.



recreational complex

Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex

From Concept to Reality!

The City of Miami Gardens is proud to announce that the construction of the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex, located just two (2) blocks away from Sunlife Stadium. The 56,000 square foot facility will house a state-of-the-art gymnasium, dance studios, an indoor aquatic center with a pool slide, a computer lab, auditorium, fitness center, meeting and rental space and more. The facility sits on 24 acres of pristine land; a scenic lake sits adjacent to the center and provides a beautiful backdrop to a world-class running track, artificial turf athletic field, future outdoor amphitheater and nature sanctuary for burrowing owls. The community center will provide a safe, clean and exciting space for local youth, seniors and adults. The center will offer a wide range of programs and activities for all ages such as aerobics, dance, computer classes and art, just to name a few!

Contact **305-621-7273** for consistent updates on the NEW Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex progress, programming opportunities as well as Grand Opening information!



Funding for the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex was made possible by the Office of Safe Neighborhood Parks, Better Building Communities General Obligation Bond, Quality Neighborhood Improvement Program, NFL Youth Football Fund, Miami-Dade County and City Funds.

capital improvements

The Department of Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) is responsible for the organization, facilitation, and overall management of all of the City's capital projects. The intent is to improve the City's permanent infrastructure and quality of life for residents and employees. The Department oversees the planning, design, bidding, budgeting, and complete construction of all of the City's major construction projects.

Completed Projects:

- Brentwood Pool: new playground and surfacing, fitness trail, resurfacing of tennis and basketball courts, sidewalk replacement
- Brentwood Park: playground and surfacing
- Bunche Park: new playground and surfacing, parking pavers around perimeter of park
- North Dade Optimist: sports lighting
- Norwood Park & Pool: pool building renovation, resurfacing and fencing for tennis and basketball courts
- Police Department: major interior renovations, Crime Scene Investigation Lab
- Rolling Oaks Park: four new tennis courts with sports lighting, resurfacing of basketball courts, sports lighting for basketball courts, new playground and surfacing.

Projects Under Construction:

- Miami Carol City Park: New recreation building and site improvements (scheduled for completion in 2010)
- Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex: new community center including gymnasium, dance rooms, fitness rooms, art room, computer lab, indoor pool and spa, running track and sports field (scheduled for completion in 2010)
- Norwood Park & Pool: pipe replacement for pool and pool building (scheduled for completion in 2010)

Future Projects:

- Audrey J. King Park: replacement playground and surfacing
- Brentwood Park: sports lighting for football field
- Bunche Pool: pool restoration, pool building remodeling, parking lot resurfacing, landscaping
- Miami Carol City Park: sports lighting replacement for baseball and football fields
- Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex: amphitheater
- North Dade Optimist Park: recreation building, parking lot, irrigation and landscaping
- Rolling Oaks Park: two athletic fields, new entrance, parking lot, perimeter fencing, concession and restroom facility

For more information on the capital projects, please contact Brandan DeCaro, Director of Capital Improvement Projects, at 305-622-8000 x 2510 or bdecaro@miamigardens-fl.gov

employee recognition

Employee Achievement Pins



Making the Difference

Derrick Corker (Assistant Director)
Rodney Best (Recreation Division)

Attitude is Everything

Shantelle Smith (Administration)

Great Job

Carl Williams (Recreation Division)
Rodney Best (Recreation Division)
Thorshan Williams (Myrtle Grove)
Gillespie Brown (Norwood)
Shareva Faircloth (Buccaneer)
Tammy Williams (Brentwood)
George Mitchell (Bunche)
Derrick Murdock (Janitorial)

Cassandra Blacksheer (Rolling Oaks)
Deborah Dorsett (Brentwood)
Joshua Rhodes (Buccaneer)
Lillie Peterson (Vista Verde)
Wendell Sturup (Miami Carol City)
Lashonda McHenry (Bunche)
Kevin Yearby (Rolling Oaks)
Robert Smith (Bennett M. Lifter)

Safety Team Pins

Christopher Williams (Landscape)
Xavier Williams (Landscape)
Owen Jobity (Landscape)
Kevin Yearby (Rolling Oaks)
Christopher Williams (Aquatics)
Ira Dozier (Janitorial)
Bernard Woods (Irrigation)
Jamila Gray (Myrtle Grove)
Claudio Guzman (Trades)
Mike Pursell (Parks Division)
Joshua Rhodes (Buccaneer)
Shaneika Harvey (Recreation Division)
Carl Williams (Recreation Division)
Derrick Corker (Assistant Director)
Rodney Best (Recreation Division)
Lashonda McHenry (Bunche)
Jorge Rosales (Janitorial)
Maria Albino (Janitorial)
Deborah Dorsett (Brentwood)

Tangela Lynch (Norwood)
Brandy Jackson (Miami Carol City)
Marcus Byams (Athletics)
Lewis Williams (Scott)
Rosemary Powell (Janitorial)
Dane-Ryan Foo (Janitorial)
Michelle Ash (Bennett M. Lifter)
Lillie Peterson (Vista Verde)
Darrell Williams (Trades)
Christine Carney (Community Ctr. Mgr.)
Kara Petty (Director)
Jermaine Parris (Irrigation)
Jesus Toledo (Landscape)
Julio Torres (Landscape)
Emile Joseph (Landscape)
Edward Green (Landscape)
Virgil Scatliffe Jr. (Janitorial)
Michael Perez (Landscape)
Derrick Murdock (Janitorial)

If you know of an employee working for the City of Miami Gardens that should be commended for an action please email recinfo@miamigardens-fl.gov. Please include the name of the employee, department, and commendable action.

employee recognition



Rodney Best
Employee of the Month
March 2010

Employee of the month

Rodney Best, Recreation District Supervisor, Parks Department, was recognized as employee of the month for taking on the role in developing a new Parks program, Future Men of Miami Gardens. Mr. Best took on the project with full dedication and success. This has led to glowing reviews and support throughout the community. Mr. Best exhibits the qualities expected from an outstanding employee and models behavior for others to follow. This is why Mr. Best is March's Employee of the Month for 2010.

Congratulations!

Police Department

On January 7, 2010 Officer Juan Villar and K-9 Zeus were on routine patrol when a "BOLO" was issued for a white 2008 Chevy Impala. This "BOLO" was issued by the Miami Dade County Police Department in reference to an armed robbery. Officer Villar ran the vehicle's registration, which came back to a location within our city.



Officer Juan Villar

While the K-9 Officer was at the red light facing east on NW 167th Street at 27th Avenue, he saw a vehicle matching the description given in the earlier BOLO. He verified that the vehicle was in fact the armed robbery suspect and radioed for additional units. Officer Villar activated his emergency lights once back up units were in a sight. The vehicle stopped and the driver was going to exit his vehicle until he heard the barking of K-9 Zeus which lead to all three suspects remaining in the vehicle until back up units arrived.

Upon taking the suspects into custody Officer Villar observed a behavior change in K-9 Zeus which indicated that narcotics were in the vehicle. The suspects were positively identified as the persons who committed the robbery and a search of the vehicle revealed a bag of suspected Marijuana weighing 35 grams, as well as additional evidence to the robbery case.

Had it not been for the quick thinking and the skillful actions of Officer Villar, three dangerous offenders would still be at large in our City. The actions of this officer are commendable and indicative of his dedication to duty and service to the citizens of the City of Miami Gardens. He is deserving of the Officer of the Month Award for January 2009 and congratulations on a job well done.

police department



Seconds Count In An Emergency

The Miami Gardens Police Department has recently implemented an emergency notification system. The City is now using the CodeRED Emergency Notification System, which is an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications and distribution of information considered to be important to our residents.

This system allows us to telephone all or targeted areas of the City for informational purposes or in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action, such as an evacuation, contaminated water, hazardous chemical spill, a missing child, etc. This system is capable of dialing the entire City within minutes, delivering a pre-recorded message describing the situations to a live person or an answering machine in the affected area. This information could include instructions requiring immediate action on the part of the recipient.

A calling database was established by extracting information from the City's computerized files and other public record sources. It is certain that not all phone numbers of residents and business/residential property owners within our incorporated limits were captured.

If you reside in the City, operate a business, or own property within the incorporated limits of the City of Miami Gardens and would like to receive CodeRED emergency messages you may sign up by visiting the Police Department or the City's web sites at www.MiamiGardensPolice.org or www.miamigardens-fl.gov. **IMPORTANT:** USE YOUR PHYSICAL MIAMI GARDENS ADDRESS. DO NOT USE POST OFFICE OR OUT OF TOWN ADDRESSES. Should you at anytime desire to be removed from the calling list you may do so by calling the Miami Gardens Police Department at (305)474-1469.

public works

Planning Home Improvements? Had Damage to Your Home or Business?

The City of Miami Gardens' floodplain management ordinance includes a rule that is known as the 50% rule. This rule states that if your structure is damaged or improved to an amount greater than 50% of the structures market value, it will then have to comply with the current elevation requirements, and other floodplain requirements for that area.

An Elevation Certificate (EC) would be an important document you would need to help comply with this rule. The EC tells you what flood zone you are in, and how high your house was built. If your house is at or above the flood zone, the 50% rule would not apply to you. The City has been keeping Elevation Certificates on file for new construction since February 2008.

To find out if your property is in a flood zone, to request an Elevation Certificate, and for other flood protection information, please call the City's Floodplain Management Program, at 305-622-8039.

Exciting New Feature!

The City now has Elevation Certificates for new construction on our Web site! Please go to www.miamigardens-fl.gov, scroll to the bottom and click on 'View Elevation Certificates'. Using your Folio Number, search the list until you find your Certificate. PLEASE NOTE: The City has only been keeping Elevation Certificates for one year. If your house was built before 2008, the City may not have your Elevation Certificate on file.

The Local Flood Hazard

The City of Miami Gardens lies in a flat, low-lying area of Miami-Dade County. The flood hazards we face include rainfall from tropical storms and other weather systems, hurricanes, and other heavy rain events. During these events it is possible that man-made canals such as the C-8 and C-9 Canals could overtop their banks or otherwise get backed up. Past flood events such as Hurricane Irene (1999) and the No-Name storm of October 2000 left many areas of the City with flooded conditions for long periods of time, causing business disruptions, power losses and other negative impacts to the community.

Natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain

Floodplains in our City serve a beneficial purpose to our quality of life. These low areas are where rainfall goes to drain, and when the rainfall drains into the ground, this helps reduce flooding, and recharges our drinking water supply. Some examples of floodplains in Miami Gardens are the areas next to the Snake Creek and Biscayne Canals.

These floodplains also serve as filters of storm water runoff as it seeps through the ground and into our aquifer. This aquifer is our only source of drinking water, and this filtering helps contain pollution before it reaches our aquifer! It is important that we appreciate our floodplains, and try to maintain, preserve, and keep these areas clean whenever possible.

Prepare to be safe when it floods!

When flash flood or other flood notices are issued, there are things you can do to better protect your building. Listed below are some actions you can take:

- Do not walk or drive through standing or flowing water. Downed power lines, sinkholes, or actual canals may exist that you cannot see.
- Avoid power lines that have fallen. They might still have power, and can cause electrocution.
- Turn off the power in your house. This includes propane and other gas tanks and lines.

If you need to evacuate, plan ahead by having an evacuation kit ready, and include medications, blankets, water, and other essentials you and your family will need. Contact relatives and let them know where you are going, and don't forget to shutter the house and take care of your pets before you go!

public works

Listen For Flood Warning Notices!

The National Weather Service and NOAA continually monitor local weather conditions. If major flooding is anticipated within the City, NOAA will broadcast notices like Flood Warning, Urban Flood Advisory or Flash Flood Warning Notices through television and radio stations, such as TV Channels 4,7 and 10, and radio stations such as WIOD (610 AM) and Big 105.9 (FM). The City recommends that residents tune in to these broadcasts and prepare for flooding when it may occur.

Warning times may be as long as five days for hurricanes, or one to two hours notice for flash floods and urban advisories. The key is to keep aware of these notices when watching or listening to these and other stations.

Development Means Progress in our City!

However, did you know all new construction, even in low risk flood areas requires a building permit? Before you start to fill, construct an addition, or for any improvements you may be planning, please contact the City's Building Department, 1515 NW 167 Street, at 305-622-8027 for the appropriate permit application. If you see construction occurring without permits, please report this to the City's Code Enforcement Department, at 305-622- 8020.

Remember, if a storm occurs, buildings constructed without the proper permits could cause damage to other structures, and may be dangerous to the whole neighborhood!

Help Us Keep Our Waters Clean!

Did you know that it is illegal to throw anything—ANYTHING AT ALL!—into the lakes, canals, or other waters of the City? Do you know that nothing but storm water is allowed to go to the storm drains located in streets, rights-of-way, and parking lots? Dumping of materials into our waters or drains pollutes those waters, clogs our storm drains, and leads to increased flooding in our neighborhoods. Please report any discharges to bodies of water or storm drains to the County's 24-hour complaint telephone number, 305-372-6955, or Crime Stoppers at 305-471-TIPS.

Protect Your Property!

There are things you can do to minimize flood damage before a flood event occurs. Using some of the following techniques can be helpful to protect your home or business:

- For hurricanes and wind events, shutter your homes.
- Elevate all important furniture, appliances, and other electrical items.
- Use sand bags around doors and low level windows.
- Build flood walls, berms or swales to direct storm water to proper disposal areas.

Buildings can also be permanently retrofitted by elevating the entire building, adding flood proofing materials to the building or adding a second story and using the bottom story only for parking, access and storage.

The City of Miami Gardens has a free flood assistance service to help you look at ways to protect your property from flooding. To use this service please call 305.622.8039 to schedule an inspection.

Flood Insurance Can Help You Recover From a Disaster!

Did you know that standard hazard insurance on properties does not cover flood damage? Because the City of Miami Gardens participates in the National Flood Insurance Program and the Community Rating System, flood insurance for all flood hazard areas is available for residents and business owners at reasonable rates.

Current limits to coverage are \$250,000 for residential structures and \$500,000 for commercial structures. Contents coverage must be purchased with another premium, but under the same policy, and limits of contents coverage are \$100,000 for residential and \$500,000 for commercial properties.

Note: When purchasing flood insurance, the policy will not take effect until 30 days after purchase, so plan ahead!

code compliance

Overgrown Grass/Weeds



Failure of owner to maintain property and landscaping. To wit: overgrown grass/weeds

Corrective Action: Cut and maintain grass/weeds in a neat appearance or be fined \$250.00 per day.

Pyramid Stones



Illegal objects in the right-of-way not conforming with Public Works Manual. To wit: pyramid stone

Corrective Action: Remove all pyramid stones from right-of-way or replace with button-head stones or be fined \$250.00 per day.

Junk Vehicle



Unlawfully depositing ,storing or maintaining junk or trash. To wit: junk vehicle

Corrective Action: Remove or restore (vehicle) to operating condition or be fined \$250.00 per day.

Open-Air Storage



Unlawful open-air storage in a residential or commercial zoned district. To wit: Commercial storage container.

Corrective Action: Remove storage container from property within 30 days or be fined \$250.00 per day.

Commercial vehicles in residential zone



Illegally parking or storing a commercial vehicle in a residential zoned district.

Corrective Action: Remove commercial vehicle from the property and cease from parking in a residential zoned district or be fined \$500.00 per day.

code compliance

Junk and Trash



Unlawfully depositing, storing or maintaining junk or trash. To wit: Junk and trash

Corrective Action: Remove all junk and trash from property or be fined \$250.00 per day.

Faded/Peeling/ Mildewed Paint



Failure of owner to maintain property or landscaping. To wit: faded/peeling/mildewed paint

Corrective Action: Repaint property in a workman-like fashion or be fined \$250.00 per day.

Deteriorated Wooden Fence



Failure of owner to maintain property or landscaping. To wit: deteriorated wooden fence.

Corrective Action: Remove or repair deteriorated wooden fence and obtain all required plans & permits or be fined \$250.00 per day.

Deteriorated Chain Link Fence



Failure of owner to maintain property or landscaping. To wit: deteriorated chain link fence.

Corrective Action: Remove or repair deteriorated chain-link fence and obtain all required plans & permits or be fined \$250.00 per day.

Work without a permit



Failure of owner, builder or contractor to obtain a permit.

Corrective Action: Obtain all required plan & permits from the City of Miami Gardens Building Department or be fined \$500.00 per day

community development

Energy Efficient Grants

The City of Miami Gardens, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) of 2009, has grant funds available for a Home Energy Efficient Retrofit Grant Program. The program includes 3 phases:

Installing Insulation

Inadequate home insulation is the leading cause of home energy waste and contributes to higher energy costs. Installing insulation is one of the least expensive and easiest ways to improve the energy efficiency of homes. Eligible homes will be inspected to determine if adequate insulation exists. If insulation is lacking, new insulation will be installed. In the cases where flat roofs exist, reflective roof paint will be used instead of insulation.

Air Condition Replacement

Heating and cooling can be up to 50% of a home's energy expense. Upon completion of Phase 1 and depending on funding availability, Phase 2 will commence. Homes that have been determined to be eligible, following the inspection of the current air conditioning unit, will then be qualified to receive a high-efficiency air conditioning replacement unit.

Water Heater Replacement

Water heating is the second largest energy expenditure after heating and cooling. Subject to funding availability and after the completion of Phase 2, eligible homes, following the inspection of the current water heating unit, will then be qualified to receive a more efficient water heater replacement.

To be eligible, Miami Gardens' residents must own and occupy your home, be current with your mortgage and real estate taxes, and have homeowners insurance. For more information or to apply for this program, please visit www.miamigardens-fl.gov, or call the Department of Community Development at (305) 622-8041.

Need to get the word out?

This brochure reaches 30,000 homes and is mailed quarterly! If you would like to place an ad in ***The Gardens Experience***, please call 305-622-8080 or email recinfo@miamigardens-fl.gov.

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